Past Potentates

*Edgar P. Tobey	1882-1883
*Marvin E. Smith	1884
*James H. Thompson	1885-1886
*Martin Howard	1887-1888
John A. May	1889-1890
*William A. Stiles	1891-1892
*William M. Knight	1893-1894
Chester T. Drake	1895-1896
Robert M. Johnson	1897-1898
Frank C. Roundy	1899-1900
John W. Swatek	1901-1902
Samuel H. Smith	1903-1904
*Harris W. Huehl	1905-1906
*James B. McFatrich	1907
*Nelson N. Lampert	1908-1909
*John C. Hallenbeck	1910
Robert J. Daly	1911-1912
John Heist	1913
Oscar A. Kropf	1914
John P. Garner	1915
Julius R. Butzow	1916
Acors W. Rathbun	1917
Thomas J. Houston	1918
William J. Downey	1919
Christopher Van Deventer	1920
Ralph E. Lidster	1921
Will H. Wade	1922
James Todd	1923

*Deceased.

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Medinah Temple

A.A.O.N.M.S.

CASS, OHIO AND ONTARIO STREETS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of

Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Chicago Medinah Temple Association will be held on

Friday Evening, January 30th, 1925

at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

AT MEDINAH TEMPLE

Doors open at 6:30 o'clock p. m.

The reports of the various officers for the year 1924 will be presented, the election of Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council for the year 1925 will be held, and all matters of business proper to come before said meetings will be taken up.

You cannot be admitted unless you show the 1925 card at the door. YOUR 1924 CARD WILL NOT ADMIT YOU TO THIS MEETING. Admission at Cass Street entrance ONLY.

EDWARD L. JOHNSON
Potentate and President

ARTHUR H. VINCENT
Chief Rabban

E. EDWIN MILLS
Assistant Rabban

Attest:
SAMUEL H. SMITH
Recorder and Secretary
14 East Ohio St.

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

OFFICERS 1924

Illustrious Potentate	Edward L. Johnson
Chief Rabban	Arthur H. Vincent
Assistant Rabban	E. Edwin Mills
High Priest and Prophet	John W. Swatek
Oriental Guide	George P. Longwell
Treasurer	Robert M. Johnson
Recorder	Samuel H. Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward L. Johnson
Arthur H. Vincent
E. Edwin Mills
Robert J. Daly
Will H. Wade

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Edward L. Johnson
Thomas J. Houston
Frank C. Roundy, (Ad Vitam)
Robert J. Daly, (Hon.)
James Todd

Medinah Temple

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

and

CHICAGO MEDINAH TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORTS

RECORDER *and* TREASURER

DECEMBER 31, 1924
*COVERING THIRTEEN MONTHS

:: IMPORTANT ::

1925 dues are payable January 1st, 1925, and the assessment of $2.00 levied by the Imperial Council for the hospital for crippled children must be paid at the same time. This makes your remittance **$7.00.** Remember, 1925 cards cannot be issued until the full amount of **$7.00** is received by the Recorder.

We are required by the law of the Imperial Council to pay the Hospital Assessment before March 1st for every member on our rolls at the close of the year 1924. Therefore pay your dues promptly.

The following reports of the Treasurer and Recorder of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. and the Treasurer and Secretary of Chicago Medinah Temple Association shows net gains as follows:

Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.	$ 8,995.35
Chicago Medinah Temple Association	41,813.89
Total net gains for the year 1924	$50,809.24

*The Imperial Council at the meeting in Kansas City, Mo., June 3, 4 and 5, 1924, changed the date of election of officers in subordinate Temples from December to January, each year.

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The Muezzin calls aloud from the Minaret at close of the Day! Therefore in like manner do I address you for the last time, expressing my deep gratitude for all the courtesies and kindnesses accorded me on every occasion. If I have merited your friendship and approbation, then has my ambition been gratified.

I salaam—with regard and thankfulness to our Divan, Organizations, Units and all connected with the Temple's activities for their untiring efforts in her behalf and their loyalty to me.

So—I touch my heart as the Easterners do;

May the Peace of Allah Abide with you.

Yours ever in the Faith,

Edward L. Johnson
Potentate.

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

Crossed the Burning Sands Year 1924	1136	
Affiliations Year 1924	55	
Reinstated Year 1924	54	
		1,245
Suspended Year 1924	233	
Demitted Year 1924	135	
Deceased Year 1924	264	
		632
Net Gain Year 1924		613
Total Membership to date		22,654

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
ROBERT M. JOHNSON, Treasurer

Cash on Hand December 1, 1923	$ 36,056.39	
Receipts during year 1924	560,532.37	
		$596,588.76
Disbursements for Year		525,630.19
Bank Cash on Hand (First National Bank)		$ 70,958.57
Securities in Hands of Treasurer (Deposited in Vault of First National Bank) U. S. Bonds and U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness at Par Value		$678,000.00

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable (includes Hospital Assessment and Dues for 1925)	$163,849.00
Cash (First National Bank)	70,958.57
Chicago Medinah Temple Association Rent paid in advance	1,627.60
Furniture and Fixtures	9,199.26
Paraphernalia and Uniforms	49,658.90
Liberty Bonds—Par Value	158,000.00
Liberty Bonds—Par Value (Reserved for Illinois Masonic Hospital in accordance with Resolution December 29,1922)	25,000.00
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Par Value	495,000.00
Unexpired Insurance	4,400.97
Total Assets	$977,694.30

LIABILITIES

Imperial Recorder Hospital Assessment (1925)	$ 45,308.00
Dues Paid in Advance (1925)	54,085.00
Hospital Assessment Paid in Advance (1925)	21,636.00
*Surplus and Reserve	856,665.30
Total Liabilities	$977,694.30
The Combined Surplus and Reserve of Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and Chicago Medinah Temple Association	$1,669,034.97

*Surplus account includes $25,000.00 reserved for Illinois Masonic Hospital Building Fund.

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

Balance in Hands of Treasurer November 30, 1923		$ 36,056.39
RECEIPTS		
Affiliations	$ 1,375.00	
Dues	113,506.00	
Hospital Assessments	45,930.00	
Dues Paid in Advance (1925)	54,095.00	
Hospital Assessment Paid in Advance (1925)	21,640.00	
Building Expense (Refund)	1.10	
Cigars (Refund)	26.25	
Entertainment and Music	166.10	
Exchange on Checks	74.54	
General Expense (Refund)	65.87	
Harding Memorial Fund	190.00	
Interest Bank Balance	683.01	
Interest U. S. Bonds	6,715.00	
Interest U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	22,408.82	
Initiation Fees	171,470.00	
Imperial Council Pilgrimage—Received from Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.	3,196.58	
Lectures	5.00	
Chicago Medinah Temple Ass'n.	14,000.00	
Medinah Circus—1923	34.50	
Medinah Frolic—1924	39,334.28	
Oriental Ball	10,978.75	
Oriental Pageant	8,453.75	
Premium on Bonds	682.82	
Privilege for Concessions Guarantee Frolic	500.00	
U. S. Gold Certificate Notes Sold	45,000.00	560,532.37
Carried Forward		$596,588.76

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

DISBURSEMENTS

Brought Forward			$596,588.76
Auditing Books		$ 300.00	
Banquets		43,642.35	
Building Expense:			
Help	$18,586.88		
Supplies	1,353.92		
Laundry and Towels	762.39		
Ice and Water	382.55		
Light and Power	5,732.20		
Heat	1,301.35		
Amusement License, 1924-25	600.00		
Ballot Boxes	90.00		
Bronze Kick Plates for Outside Doors	335.00		
Carpentry	1,142.38		
Concrete Posts and Lights installed on Ohio, Cass and Ontario Streets	1,500.00		
Decorating	30,618.06		
Electric Drills	154.00		
Electrical Work	4,484.64		
Hauling	174.50		
Installing Movable Panels in Windows	300.00		
Lamps and Electrical Supplies	1,226.10		
Masonry	1,202.55		
New Windlass and Installations	134.90		
Night Watchman	356.72		
Plumbing	931.17		
Real Estate Taxes (1923)	11.606.00		
New Coating and Graveled Roof and Repairs	1,465.00		
Special Assessment Tax (1923)	312.20		
Sheet Metal Work	249.35		
Street Cleaning	193.20		
Side Curtains for Canopy	295.00		
Sundry Repairs	1,492.77		
Ventilation	316.91		
Miscellaneous	436.16	87,735.90	
Carried Forward		$131,678.25	$596,588.76

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

Brought Forward		$131,678.25	$596,588.76
Cigars		8,713.16	
Dues Account		78.50	
Dues Paid in Advance		10.00	
Exchange on Checks		142.51	
Flowers		4,754.97	
Furniture and Fixtures		1,680.29	
Entertaining Visiting Temples Passing Through Chicago	$8,121.14		
Entertaining Imperial Potentate and Parties	1,257.00		
Entertaining, Vaudeville, Ceremonial, and Incidental Entertaining Expense, etc., etc.	15,275.93		
		24,654.07	
Rental of Costumes for Ceremonials		2,426.25	
General Expense		4,500.19	
Donations—			
Masonic Orphans' Home		5,000.00	
Illinois Masonic Old Folks' Home		300.00	
Illinois Eastern Star Home		300.00	
German Children Relief Fund		5,000.00	
Boy Scouts of America		1,000.00	
Relief Fund—Veterans at Speedway Hospital Dec. 1923, $500.00; Dec. 1924, $500.00		1,000.00	
Radio Fund—World War Veterans		100.00	
Salvation Army Relief Fund		100.00	
Illinois Masonic Hospital Building Fund		50,000.00	
Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children Site		44,392.40	
Harding Memorial Fund		190.00	
Hospital Assessment for Crippled Children		46,296.00	
Hospital Assessment Paid in Advance		4.00	
Imperial Council Dues and Diplomas		8,281.00	
Imperial Council Pilgrimage		34,464.18	
Insurance		1,935.48	
Initiation Fees		530.00	
Interest Accrued		19.44	
Lectures		2,335.65	
Medinah Frolic		32,664.34	
Oriental Ball		9,380.92	
Oriental Pageant		1,544.04	
Paraphernalia		7,698.60	
Uniforms		8,471.50	
Past Potentate's Gift		1,050.00	
Premium on U. S. Notes bought		132.81	
Printing		32,186.17	
Postage		7,465.12	
Privilege Account (Refund)		500.00	
Salaries, (Recorder, Treasurer, Office, Stage, Help on Doors, Wardrobe and Organist)		19,650.35	
U. S. Bonds		25,000.00	525,630.19
Cash Balance December 31, 1924			$ 70,958.57

Chicago Medinah Temple Association

REPORT OF TREASURER
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
ROBERT M. JOHNSON, Treasurer

Cash on Hand December 1, 1923	$11,560.05	
Receipts during year 1924	21,813.89	$33,373.94
Disbursements during year 1924		14,000.00
Balance Cash on Hand December 31, 1924 (First Natl. Bank)		$ 19,373.94
Securities in Hands of Treasurer		
Deposited in vault First National Bank—U. S. Bonds and U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness at Par Value		$102,000.00

Chicago Medinah Temple Association

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Secretary

ASSETS

Cash First National Bank, Chicago, Ill.	$ 19,373.94
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	65,000.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds	37,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,310.76
Real Estate	686,312.57
Total Assets	$813,997.27

LIABILITIES

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Rent Paid in Advance	$ 1,627.60
Surplus	812,369.67
Total Liabilities	$813,997.27
Combined Surplus and Reserve of Chicago Medinah Temple Association and Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.	$1,669.034.97

Chicago Medinah Temple Association

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
DECEMBER 1, 1923, TO DECEMBER 31, 1924
SAMUEL H. SMITH, Secretary

Balance in Hands of Treasurer November 30, 1923		$ 11,560.05

RECEIPTS

Interest on Bonds	$ 1,572.50	
Interest on Certificates of Indebtedness	3,294.98	
Interest on Bank Balance	271.41	
Sundry Rentals	16,661.00	
Lockers	14.00	21,813.89
		$ 33,373.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.	$ 14,000.00
Balance Cash on Hand December 31, 1924	$19,373.94

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the books and records of MEDINAH TEMPLE, A. A. O. N. M. S., and CHICAGO MEDINAH TEMPLE ASSOCIATION, as of December 31st, 1924, checked the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, verified the bank balances and found all in accordance with the foregoing statements.

H. H. SEEKAMP,
Auditor.

Chicago, Ill.
January 10th, 1925.

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

DONATION TO THE ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME AT LAGRANGE, ILL. TO BE USED AS A FUND FOR LIBRARY AND LIBRARY EQUIPMENT

Dec. 26th, 1923 ..... $5000.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR 1924

1924	Ck. No.	Paid To	For	Amount
Feb. 26	90	McCoy, Reuter & Co	Linoleum	$298.20
Feb. 27	92	P. & F. Corbin	6 doz. Shelf Rollers	12.90
May 5	111	W. G. Clark	Shelves	513.06
May 8	114	Follett Book Co.	2 sets Harvard Classics	102.00
May 8	115	Gaylord Brothers	Supplies for repairs to books	74.44
May 8	116	Rand-McNally & Co.	3 Atlases 5 Wall Maps	157.57
May 27	119	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
June 30	122	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
Aug. 1	125	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
Aug. 30	128	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
Sept. 2	131	Curtis Pub. Co.	1 year's subscription to Sat. Eve. Post	2.00
Sept. 2	132	F. S. Lynn, Supt.	Reimburse Supt.'s A/c Add'l Shelves	24.18
Sept. 2	133	American Book Co.	Latin and English Dictionaries	30.00
Sept. 2	134	Library Bureau	Supplies for repairs to books	19.18
Sept. 22	138	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
Oct. 30	141	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
Nov. 29	151	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
Dec. 31	156	Mrs. F. E. Dodge Librarian	½ month's salary	25.00
				$1433.53

Balance on hand December 31st, 1924 ..... $3566.47

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Ancient Arabic Order
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
for North America

OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
2100 CENTRAL ST., KANSAS CITY, MO.,
DECEMBER 2, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4
SERIES OF 1924-1925

TO THE POTENTATES AND OFFICERS OF TEMPLES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL A. A. O. N. M. S.

Greetings:

All members of the Order ought to be informed of all proclamations issued by the Imperial Potentate. It is hereby ordered that hereafter all orders and proclamations of the Imperial Potentate shall be printed by each Temple of the Order in its next notice going to the entire membership after the receipt of the order or proclamation.

Ordered Jan 24

The History of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, edited by Illustrious Noble William B. Melish, Chairman of the Histories Committee, may be had by applying to Imperial Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., and remitting $1.50 for each copy.

The Shrine Directors Association has become an important element in the successful conduct of ceremonials of the Shrine and has also become a well organized and officered organization. In order that its work and unquestioned value to the Shrine be not diminished, it is necessary for the officers of every Temple to cooperate with the organization. In order that this may be done, the Potentates and Recorders of the Temples of the Shrine are hereby directed to furnish information requested by the Shrine Directors Association promptly upon receipt of written application for information.

The By-laws of the Imperial Council provide that "The red Turkish fez, with black tassel . . . is hereby adopted as the uniform exclusive style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and none other

shall be worn. This restriction does not apply to parts of costumes of patrols, bands and chanters when worn by members of these organizations while performing their duties as the working corps of the Temple; provided it is permissible for Potentates, Past Potentates and Recorders of Temples to have their title embroidered in small letters in the front of their fez near the bottom."

Organizations of some of the Temples are using fezzes of a different color, or with different colored tassels, as the headgear of their Shrine organization uniforms. A practice has developed by which the members of these organizations wear these special fezzes generally while in attendance at all Shrine meetings, even when not in uniform and "performing their duties as a working corps." This habit leads to a great deal of confusion on the part of the "profane" in identifying the Order to which the wearer of such a fez belongs, for the reason that Orders other than the Shrine have adopted different colored fezzes as a headgear. This practice has a tendency to subject the Shrine to some criticism for imitating the headgear of other Orders. A habit has also developed on the part of some members of the Order to have embroidered on the fez some title other than those allowed by Imperial Law. This practice is a violation of the law.

In view of these conditions and in order to observe regularity and avoid confusion:

It is hereby ordered that the only headgear to be worn by the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, when appearing as such, shall be the official Red Turkish fez with black tassel, with the proper emblem and Temple name thereon, and such fez shall be worn in its proper shape, with the name and emblem in front. The fez shall not be creased, or the shape otherwise changed. The only exception to this is that when the working corps are in uniform and performing their duties as such, they may wear the headgear of their uniform during such time.

It is further ordered that this shall be read at the head of each Temple at the first session after its receipt.

(Signed) JAMES E. CHANDLER,
Imperial Potentate.

ATTEST:
B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.